

Higher Education Program News

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Higher Education Updates

Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

What a wonderful Symposium! It was simply amazing to meet so many of you in person. Your passion for emergency management education and research filled the space at EMI. There were many highlights from our time together, and I will be writing about them in this update and over the next few weeks. I received several emails and phone calls expressing the value of attending the symposium as well as providing suggestions for improvement. We will be documenting all of the feedback to include in our plans for next year. If you are interested in any receiving copies of any of the presentations provided at the symposium, please contact [Barbara](#) and provide the [sessions titles](#) you are looking for.

One of the new additions to our symposium was the formation of special interest groups (SIGs). These groups provide a forum to bring people together who have a common curiosity. SIGs serve as a focal point for community development in their special area, potentially co-authoring/researching, and they serve as mentors to students and subject matter experts to practitioners. This year we formed five SIGs: Theory & Research, International Emergency Management, Service Learning & Leadership, Symposium Planning & Information Exchange, and Accreditation. Also two SIGs were proposed for Jobs & Internships as well as Science & Technology Integration into Emergency Management. If you are interested in joining one of these groups, please contact [me](#), and I will connect you with the lead for the group in which you are interested. We plan to post SIG updates in our weekly newsletter and provide an opportunity to share activities on our monthly Higher Ed community conference calls.

I also shared at the symposium that we were getting a new summer intern. She arrived this past Monday! Ms. Christina (Tina) Johnson comes to us from University of North Carolina at Charlotte where she is currently studying Information Technology. Her first task is looking at the usability of our website and helping to create more intuitive navigation. She also has worked as a teacher and translator in Japan, and both of her parents work for FEMA. If you would like to share your suggestions on the website, please send Tina an [email](#).

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend and week ahead!



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New! EM Higher Education Community Conference Calls – Please join us. The purpose of the call is to: learn from the emergency management academic community what is new and exciting in their world; find out about ongoing projects; discuss higher education community needs that we can address; and provide the opportunity for callers to ask questions. **Dates for the conference calls are June 16, July 21, August 18, and September 15.** All calls will be 2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT. Call information for June 16th is 800-320-4330, PIN: 928599

EM Hi Ed Webinar Series - If you are interested in sharing your expertise, or would like us to cover a specific topic in a future webinar, please contact Wendy Walsh at wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov.

College List - The Higher Education Program updates the website in an effort to keep the information current. The college list is a compilation of college and university emergency management, homeland security, and related programs. Send your updates to FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov.

Mark Your Calendars! The 19th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium is June 5-8, 2017 at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD.

The National Emergency Management **Executive Academy** 2017 application period is open through August 5, 2016. The Executive Academy program was developed in collaboration with prominent higher education institutions. It hones strategic leadership and critical thinking for senior executives involved with multi-jurisdictional, national, and international homeland security and emergency management policy development and decision making responsibilities. Emergency management academic executive level leaders are encouraged to apply for the program. Go to the EMI [website](#) for more information or contact [Wendy Walsh](#) at (301) 447-1633.

Employment

[Executive Director, Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security](#)

FEMA's [Office of Disability Integration and Coordination](#) is now accepting applications for a [Staff Assistant position](#). **Job Announcement Number:** FEMA-16-JPS-109908-IMCORE

[Emergency Management Specialist at University of California, Los Angeles](#)



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Resources and Announcements

[American Dunkirk: The Waterborne Evacuation of Manhattan on 9/11](#) By James Kendra & Tricia Wachtendorf

[Disaster Unemployment Assistance. RS22022](#)

University of Delaware's [Disaster Research Center's \(DRC\) E.L. Quarantelli Resource Collection](#) has received a "vast and significant" collection of papers and other research materials from the family of the late T. Joseph Scanlon, professor emeritus at Carleton University in Ottawa and a scholar in the sociology of disasters.

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- DRC, Johns Hopkins University, and the University of Maryland collaborating on research focused on infrastructure systems resilience. Research on Critical Infrastructure
- DRC Leverages Library of Congress Surplus Books Program to Expand Resource Collection

[2016 Atlantic Hurricane season starts June 1 and runs until Nov. 30.](#) If you do not already have one, you need to prepare your [emergency supply kit](#) now. Download the [FEMA App](#) to receive weather alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five different locations anywhere in the U.S. Learn what to do before, during and after emergencies with safety tips. Share disaster damage photos on a verified photo-sharing platform. Prepare ahead of time with an emergency kit checklist and safety reminders. Get directions to open shelters and where to talk to FEMA in person. Read FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate's message, [Three Actions to Take Now to Prepare for Hurricane Season.](#)

National Library of Medicine. [Coping with Disasters, Violence, and Traumatic Events](#) and [MedlinePlus Coping with Disasters](#)

Searches on Disaster Lit®: the Resource Guide for Disaster Medicine and Public Health

- [Health care tools and information for surge response](#)
- [Resources for the professional response workforce on shooting incidents:](#)
 - [Self-care and coping resources for journalists](#) from the [Dart Center](#)

NEW – U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the University of Central Florida [Bomb Threat Training Video](#)

Calendar

L0363 Multi-Hazard Emergency Management for Higher Education, Frederick Community College, Frederick, MD, August 2 - 4, 2016. This Federal Emergency Management Agency course is designed to be



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delivered to **teams of campus personnel** who are responsible for creating, reviewing, implementing and exercising emergency operations plans. [For additional information.](#)

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